

Cal OES Daily Situation Report

January 1, 2024



As the new year approaches and families throughout the state prepare to welcome 2024, Cal OES has staff monitoring all hazards 24/7 to ensure the safety of our communities statewide. Cal OES wishes everyone a safe and prosperous new year.

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California State Warning Center





Weather Risk Outlook

Regional Operations Center
Western Region
Monday, January 1

	Monday, Jan 1	Tuesday, Jan 2	Wednesday, Jan 3	Thursday, Jan 4	Friday, Jan 5	Saturday, Jan 6	Sunday, Jan 7
Fire Weather Low RH / Wind / Dry T-Storms							
Strong Wind							
Heavy Rain Flash Flooding / Debris Flow		Coastal Inland	All Regions			Coastal Inland	All Regions
River Flooding							
Heat							
Cold							
Snow		Inland	Inland Southern		Coastal Inland	Coastal Inland	Inland Southern
Coastal Flooding			Southern				
Thunderstorms Wind / Hail / Tornadoes			Coastal Southern			Coastal Inland	

Risk Levels

Little to None

Minor

Moderate

Major

Extreme



Weather Key Points

Regional Operations Center

Western Region

Monday, January 1

- Additional rounds of mainly light rain and high elevation snow showers are likely for southern California through New Year's Day, but in general drier weather will continue across the state through Tuesday
 - Areas of dense fog will create reduced visibility Monday and Tuesday mornings, especially in parts of the Central Valley
- More widespread precipitation looks to return to California late Tuesday through Thursday
 - Precipitation totals will generally be light, but locally moderate to heavy precipitation may be possible, especially associated with isolated thunderstorms
 - Light to locally moderate accumulating snowfall is possible in mountains above 5,000 feet, though there is a 20% chance of snow levels down to 4,000 feet, which could impact travel on I-5 over the Grapevine Wednesday into Wednesday night
 - Periods of higher surf are also possible midweek, especially in southern California
- After a brief break, a stronger and colder storm is likely to impact the state Friday afternoon through Sunday
 - This storm will likely produce lower snow levels and more significant precipitation totals, especially across the northern half of California on Saturday
 - Mountain travel impacts are likely due to accumulating snow

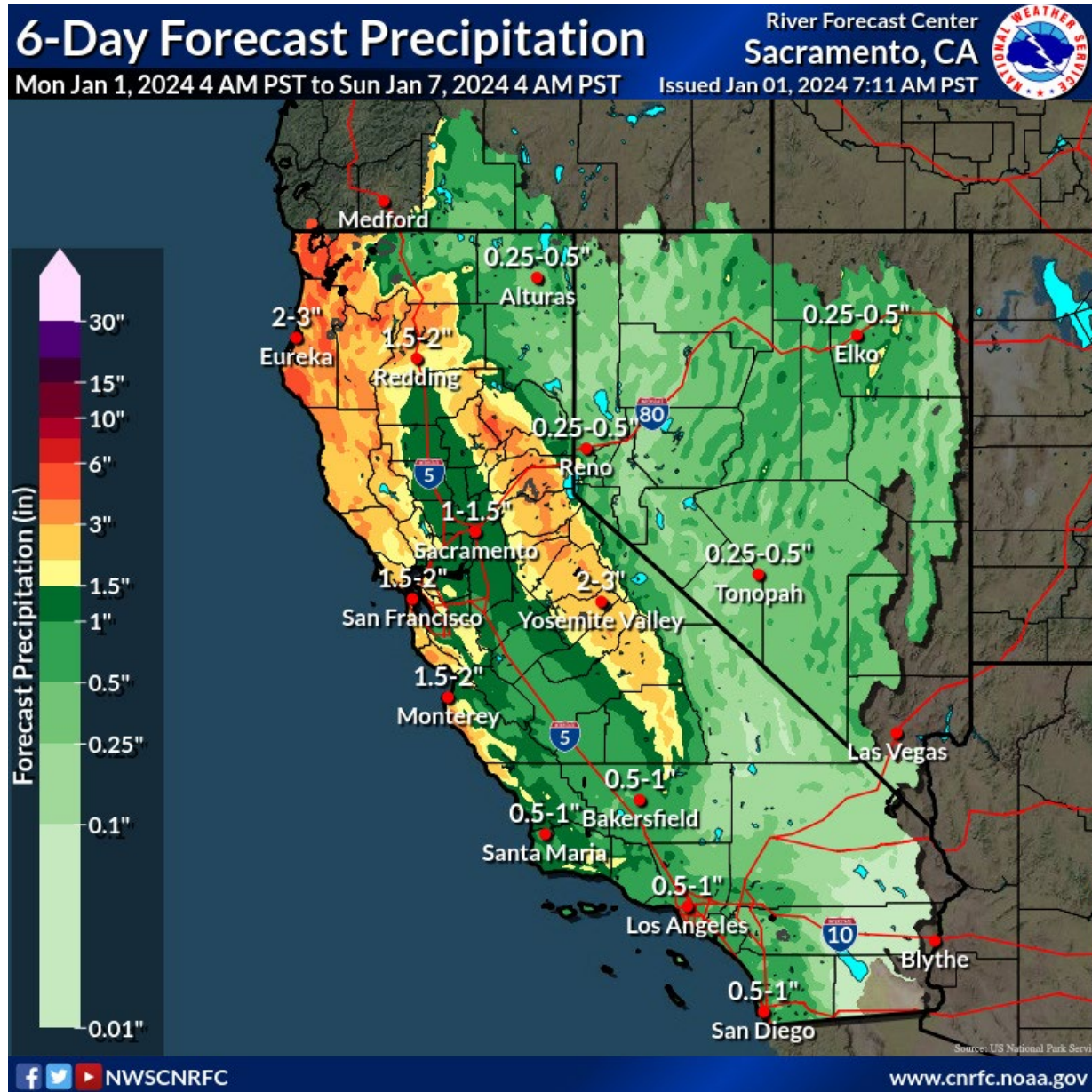


Days 1-6 Forecast Precipitation

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Weather Outlook (6-14 Days)

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6-10 Day Outlook (January 6 - 10)

Temperatures

- Below normal temperatures are favored statewide, especially across southern California

Precipitation

- Above normal precipitation is also favored statewide, especially across southern California

8-14 Day Outlook (January 8 - 14)

Temperatures

- Below normal temperatures are again favored statewide

Precipitation

- Above normal precipitation is slightly favored for all areas



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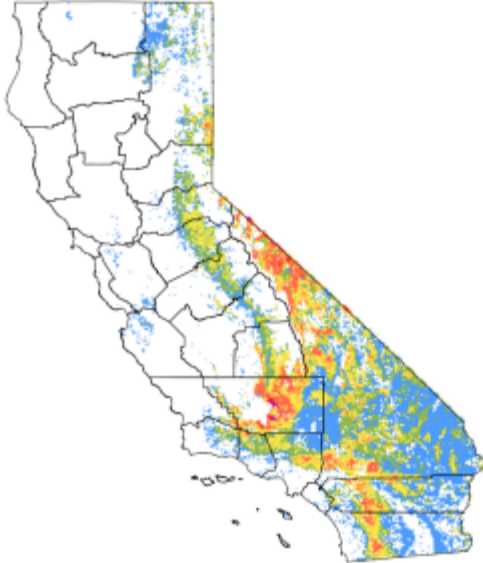
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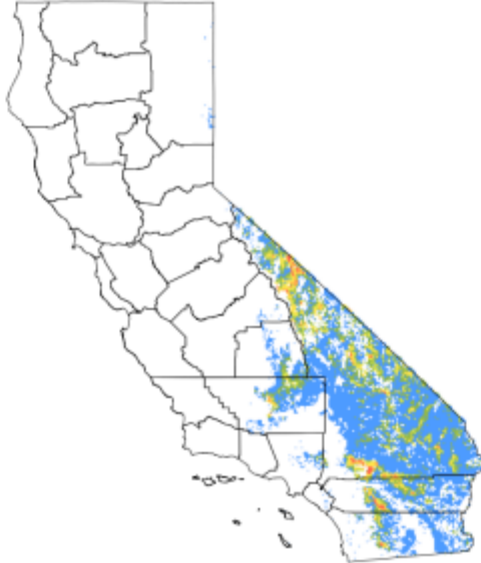
Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center

STATEWIDE WILDFIRE RISK POTENTIAL

Fri Dec 29, 1200hrs



Sat Dec 30, 0000hrs



Sun Dec 31, 1200hrs



Acres



Each map shows the time with the highest wildfire risk potential. 8 hour simulations are run every three hours of the day to produce a map of wildfire risk potential in acres. The average number of acres in an area should not exceed the associated number in the legend. Risk forecast does not consider suppression efforts. Courtesy of Technosylva. **Latest Updates available at:** <https://fireforecast.caloes.ca.gov>



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Wildfire Forecast and Threat Intelligence Integration Center

STATEWIDE WILDFIRE RISK POTENTIAL

Northern Region

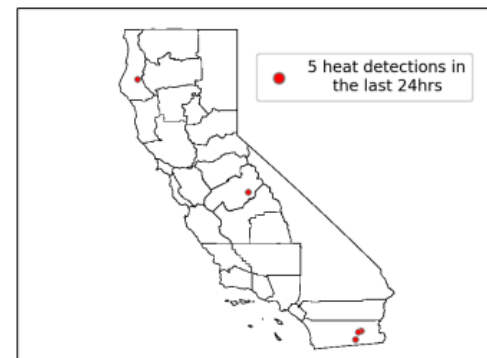
- Little to no risk of significant fire the forecast period due to low elevation green-up and extended periods of high relative humidity (RH) and precipitation.
- A bump up in fire danger may occur in a few locations across the Far East predictive service area (PSA) due to some RH values dipping into the 30s this afternoon accompanied by gustier winds.
- Snow cover will generally fluctuate between 5,000 - 6,000 ft. through early next week with moisture in the snowpack currently running around 30% of normal. Snow pack moisture should rise some during the forecast period.
- Dead fuels will generally moisten during the forecast period and be less flammable. Eastern areas of the region and Modoc Plateau will likely experience the lowest readings but 100 and 1,000 hour values will remain less flammable overall.
- Grasses and forbs are in various stages of green-up, generally below 3,000 ft., with dormancy across the mid and upper elevations. The overall cooling effect the next few months is likely to keep the growth in check across the lower elevations.
- Live shrubs and tree canopies will largely be in a dormant phase for most species with some remaining flammability in chamise and manzanita.

Southern Region

- There will be little or no fire activity across the region through the forecast period.
- A series of Pacific troughs will move inland into the West Coast tomorrow through the middle of next week.
- Temperatures will remain in the upper 40s and 50s across the mountains and 60s to low 70s in the valleys today. Temperatures will cool to 5 to 10 degrees below normal tomorrow through the middle of next week, with upper 30s and 40s across the mountains and 50s to low 60s in the valleys.

	Fri 29 Dec	Sat 30 Dec	Sun 31 Dec	Mon 01 Jan	Tue 02 Jan	Wed 03 Jan	Thu 04 Jan
North Coast							
Mid Coast to Mendocino							
Bay Marine							
Diablo-Santa Cruz Mtns							
Northwestern Mtn							
Sac Valley/Foothills							
NE California							
Northern Sierra							
Far Eastside							

■ Min. risk ■ Low Risk ■ Moderate Risk
■ Lightning ■ H - Hot & Dry ■ No Data
■ W - Wind



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Eastern Sierra							
Central Sierra							
Southern Sierra							
Sierra Foothills							
Central Valley							
Central Coast Interior							
Central Coast							
South Coast							
Western Mountains							
Eastern Mountains							
Southern Mountains							
Lower Deserts							
Eastern Deserts							
Central Mojave							
Upper Deserts							
Northern Deserts							

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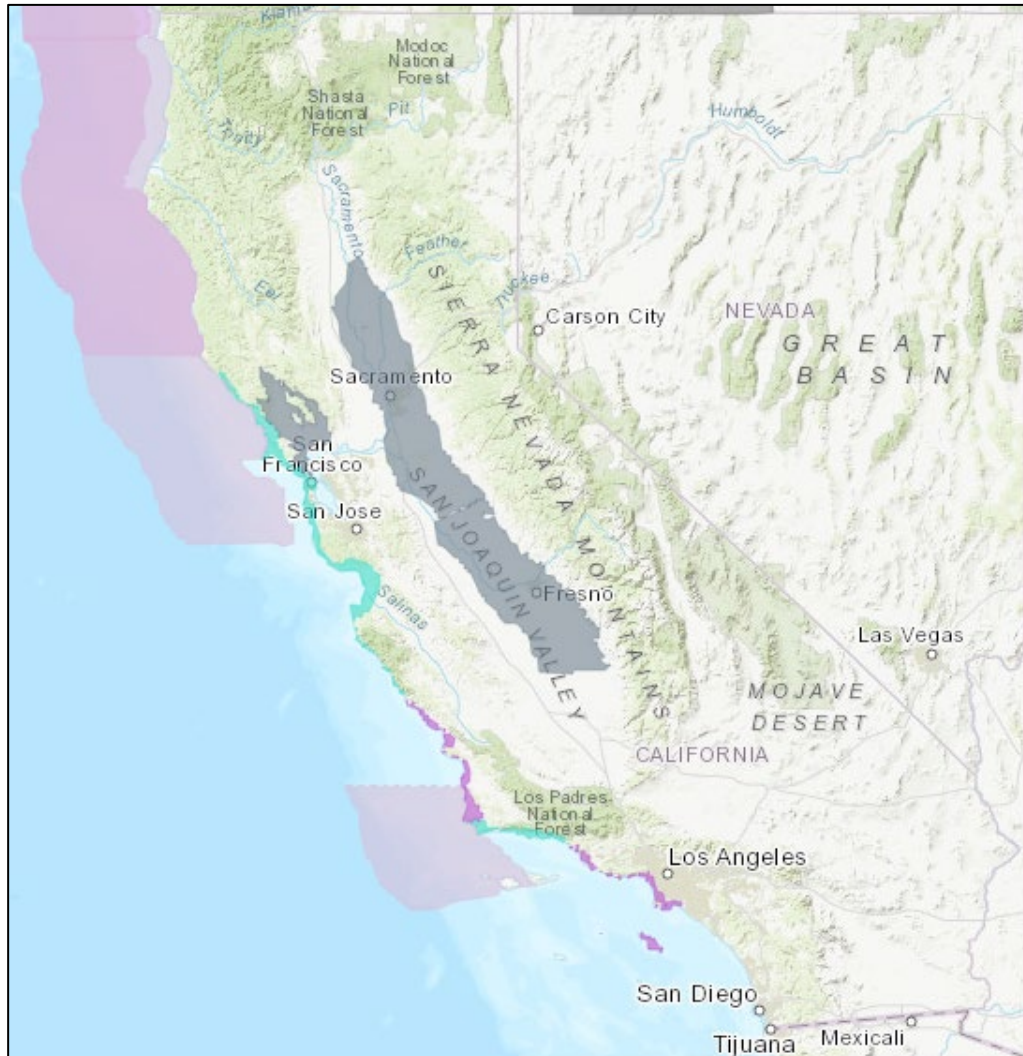
WEATHER MAP & WATCHES / WARNINGS LINKS

Weather Advisories, Watches, and Warnings currently active in California:

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/hazardSummary/?state=ca>

Active Weather Warnings, Watches, and Advisories by County:

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/hazardSummary/?state=ca&bycounty=1>



Dense Fog Advisory
Small Craft Advisory
Freezing Fog Advisory
Air Stagnation Advisory
Flood Warning
Flood Advisory
Gale Warning
Winter Weather Advisory
Beach Hazards Statement
High Surf Advisory
Gale Watch
Brisk Wind Advisory
High Wind Watch
Winter Storm Watch
Winter Storm Warning
Blizzard Warning
Heavy Freezing Spray Warning
Wind Advisory

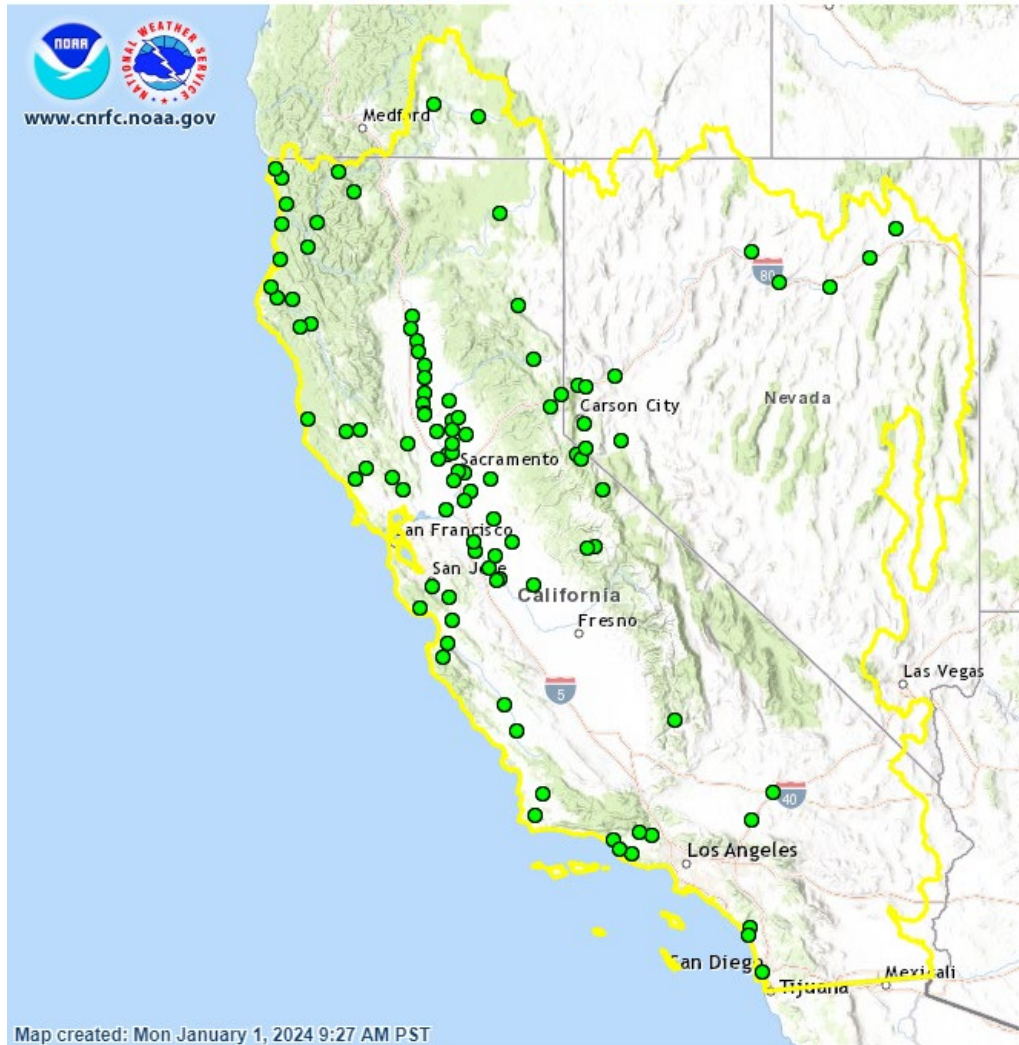


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California Nevada River Forecast Center

<https://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

Official River Forecast



The number inside each circle above represents the number of gages with forecast conditions inside that category.

Above Flood Stage

- None

Above Monitor Stage

- None

SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES Activation Status

State Operations Center	Inland Region EOC	Coastal Region EOC	Southern Region EOC
Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations

Cal OES INLAND REGION

- Nothing significant to report

Cal OES COASTAL REGION

Late December 2023 / Early January 2024 Storms

Winter weather has increased coastal flooding in several locations along the California Coastline and is expected to continue to increase into this weekend.

Activations

- Santa Cruz County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is Activated at [Level 3](#) (Hybrid) for potential coastal flooding.
 - Hours of operations: 0700-1900

Deployments

- 1 Cal OES Coastal Region Emergency Services Coordinator (ESC) deployed to Santa Cruz County ([Demobilized - 12/29/23](#))

SITUATION SUMMARY

Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION

Late December 2023 / Early January 2024 Storms

Winter weather has increased coastal flooding in several locations along the California Coastline and is expected to continue to increase into this weekend. This has caused an increase in water rescues, prompting additional resources to the area.

- On 12/28/23 at 0800 hours, Ventura County initiated its “High Surf Emergency Plan”.
- Minor coastal flooding, dangerously large breaking waves, and life-threatening rip currents across all coastal counties in Southern Region.
 - Reports of minor damage to residential and commercial structures in low-lying areas.
 - Reports of vehicles and people being swept into ocean by large waves resulting in water rescues across the region.
- Minor residential flooding of “beach communities” within Ventura County (Rincon to Oxnard Shores).
- Incident Command Post (ICP) was set up on 12/29/23.
- The cooperating entities comprise VNC Fire, Ventura City Fire, Ventura County Sheriff, VC OES, CA State Parks, Coast Guard, VC Public Works, CHP, as well as City and County Harbor Patrols.
- Branches are established from Santa Barbara County line to Port Hueneme.
- Port Hueneme has been established as a safe harbor and took in an Island Packers vessel with over 100 personnel on board on 12/28/23.

Activations

- City of Oxnard EOC activated 12/30/23 at 0800 hours: Level 3 (Enhanced Monitoring)

Deployments

- 1 Assistant Fire Chief deployed to Ventura County Operation Area in response to coastal flooding. ([Demobilized - 12/31/23](#))

Closures

- Ventura Harbor ([Reopened - 12/31/23](#)), Channel Islands Harbor ([Reopened - 12/31/23](#)), all Oxnard and Ventura County beaches are closed.

PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF (PSPS) SUMMARY

PSPS Status

PG&E	SCE	SDG&E	Liberty Utilities
Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations	Normal Operations

PG&E

- Nothing significant to report

SCE

- Nothing significant to report

SDG&E

- Nothing significant to report

Liberty Utilities

- Nothing significant to report

PacificCorp

- Nothing significant to report

MAJOR ROAD / HIGHWAY / BRIDGE CLOSURES

Emergency Transportation Route Closures

Coastal Region	Inland Region	Southern Region
No Emergency Transportation Route Closures	No Emergency Transportation Route Closures	No Emergency Transportation Route Closures

Emergency Transportation Route (ETR) Closure: Unknown estimated time of reopening (ETO) unless otherwise noted

- No Emergency Transportation Route closures

Non-Emergency Transportation Route Closure: Unknown estimated time of reopening (ETO) unless otherwise noted

- No Non-Emergency Transportation Route closures

Wildfire Closures: Unknown estimated time of reopening (ETO) unless otherwise noted

- No wildfire closures

Interactive Travel Forecast Map Based on Weather Conditions Provided by National Weather Service (Prototype):

- <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/travel/?wfo=mtr>



Click on the Caltrans Logo to check
current Hwy. conditions.
You can also call 1-800-427-7623
for current Hwy. conditions.



FIRE ACTIVITY

Cal OES Fire Preparedness Levels

National	Northern California	Southern California
Preparedness Level 1	Preparedness Level 1	Preparedness Level 1
	Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS) Mode: 2	Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS) Mode: 2

Note: The National and Regional Preparedness Levels are maintained by the National Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group and are separate from Cal OES activation levels.

FEMA

- None

Mission Tasking

- None

EMAC

- None

Pre-Positioned Resources

- None

Cal OES INLAND REGION

- Nothing significant to report

Cal OES COASTAL REGION

- Nothing significant to report

Cal OES SOUTHERN REGION

- Nothing significant to report

Cal OES LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSIONS

Cal OES Law Missions

- **2023-LAW-112952, 12/30/2023, 0738 hours:** Yolo County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) SAR requested a helicopter re-fueling truck to remotely fuel a Coast Guard Helicopter that had agreed to rescue two hikers, one who was severely injured from a fall down some steep terrain near Rumsey in Yolo County (38.908496, -122.265986). YCSO SAR wanted to extract 8 people by hoists (Two hikers and 6 SAR members) if possible and believed that the helicopter had enough fuel to only do 1-3 hoists at a time. Cal OES Law Enforcement Chief approved seeking the assistance of CNG to obtaining a fuel truck. Law Duty Officer (LDO) contacted the JOC who after checking with the appropriate unit said it would be 24-48 hours before the CNG could assist. LDO contacted the Fire Duty Officer (FDO) to see if there were any Cal Fire assets that could assist with the request. **Update, 0833 hours:** as a contingency in case the helicopter could not complete the mission due to weather and fuel concerns YCSO SAR requested a Type 1 High Angle Team to assist Yolo SAR member(s). LDO contacted Marin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) SAR and related the request details. Marin County SAR immediately accepted the mission. **Update, 0905 hours:** YCSO SAR stated that due to low fuel level the Coast Guard Helicopter had to depart after only making a single hoist of the injured hiker. **Update, 0937 hours:** YCSO stated that we could cancel the request for the fuel truck. FDO was notified of the canceled fuel truck request. After refueling and dropping off the first victim for medical treatment the helicopter planned to return to rescue the second hiker still on the cliff face. **Update, 1107 hours:** the Coast Guard Helicopter was able to return and rescue the second hiker from the steep terrain. YCSO SAR stated the remaining SAR personnel can safely extract themselves on foot, and we could cancel the Marin County response. **Mission Closed.**
- **2023-LAW-112957, 12/30/2023, 1447 hours:** The California State Warning Center (CSWC) advised Placer County Sheriff's Office was requesting 2 area K-9's and a FIRIS Aircraft to assist with a Missing Person (MP) case. The MP is a 55-year-old male last seen on Christmas day in the area of 25 Canyon Creek Rd. in Dutch Flat. The MP's dog and backpack were located in that general area. LDO Contacted CARDAs dispatch and requested 2 area dogs. **Update, 1522 hours:** CARDAs advised they had two K-9 teams enroute to the scene. LDO also began the approval process for the FIRIS aircraft. The request was still being vetted when the MP was located by SAR ground searchers. The MP was in medical distress and disoriented. PCSO advised the K-9 and FIRIS Aircraft request could be cancelled. **Mission Closed.**



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Cal OES MISSIONS TASKING

Cal OES Missions

- No active missions



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Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.